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Inventory of Civil Aircraft of the Chief Directorate
of the Civil Air Fleet of the USSR

BACKGROUND:

1. ORR makes a contribution on Civil Aviation to the transportation section of the NIE each year. One of the salient factors needed for assessing performance in the current year and predicting future capabilities is an accurate and up-to-date inventory.
2. CIA has relied on Hqrs. AF, APOHE, for an aircraft inventory for the Chief Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet of the USSR.
3. There are two totals available at present in published intelligence but no breakdown by type for either total.
 - a. The Preliminary Section 37, NIS 26, 1 April 1955, Secret on p. 4 gives a round number of 1900 major transports.
 - b. Force Air Intelligence Study FAIS 2-3/3, Secret, p. I-3, gives GUGVF 1,535 aircraft of the CAB, COACH and CRATE class.

REQUIREMENT:

1. It is requested:
 - a. that the total number of aircraft be given as of the latest possible date
 - b. that the total be broken down for type into numbers of CAB COACH and CRATE
 - c. that a total be given for smaller types used in special services.

PRIORITY:

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